
St. Mary Magdalene March 8, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, is proclaimed in the Gospel this weekend. Jesus goes further and explains what the truth is, and it all has to do with the work of love.

Our Lenten Mission (March 10 and 11) will be this week. After the Youth Mass on Sunday evening and on **Monday evening at 6:30- 8:00pm in the church**. We are so fortunate to have John Beaulieu from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio to lead the mission. The mission program combines music and prayer to open our hearts to God's redemption.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! St. Mary Magdalene has exceeded this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal Goal. Many blessings for your generosity.

With much love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

[Giving Portal](#)

Due to scheduled maintenance the Giving Portal will be down Friday, March 8th

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Upcoming Events

March 8 - **KofC Fish Fry**
 March 8 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
 March 9 - Confessions 10:30am
 March 9 - 5pm Mass
 March 10 - 9am & 11am Mass
 March 10 - Apostello, the Way and the EDGE
 March 10 - Youth Mass 6pm
 March 11 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 11 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 March 11 - Lenten Parish Mission 6:30pm - 8pm Church
 March 12 - Gather and the ROCK 6:15pm Church
 March 13 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 14 - **Career Network Ministry** Room 4
 March 14 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 14 - Morning Rosary 9:30am Chapel
 March 14 - Bible Study of Acts 6:30pm Church
 March 15 - Daily Mass 9am
 March 15 - Stations of the Cross 7pm Church
 March 16 - No Confessions
 March 16 - 5pm Mass
 March 17 - 9am & 11am Mass
 March 17 - Apostello, the Way and the EDGE
 March 17 - Youth Mass 6pm
 March 18 - Daily Mass 9am

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Sunday Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Entrance Antiphon

Kyrie #5 page 6

Responsorial Psalm 137: Let My Tongue Be Silenced

Preparation: Return To The Lord

Holy 918

When We Eat This Bread 920

Amen 922

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Communion 3: This Is Amazing Grace

Sending Forth: In These Days of Lenten

Journey 131

Pictures of the Week



Convalidation of Jen and Rob Garcia and baptism of their son Dominic on March 2nd

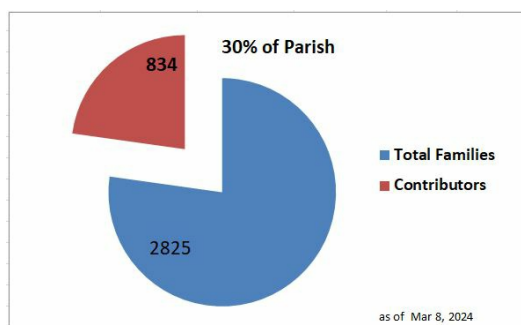
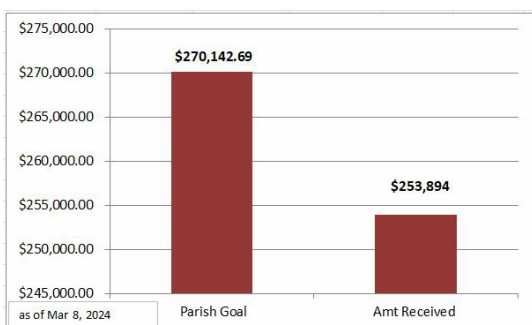


The ROCK Retreat on March 3rd



The Children's Choir at Saturday Mass on March 2nd

Bishop's Annual Appeal



The link to contribute to the BAA givetobaa.org

Easter Masses

We need your help on EASTER Sunday OUTDOOR Masses. Please see the sign up genius link and consider helping out so our services can run smoothly. Various roles and various timeslots are available. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and will make our Easter celebration go smoothly. In event of bad weather, we will NOT be OUTSIDE though.

[To volunteer, click here](#)

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church

Easter Sunday Outside Masses 9am & 11:15am

[Click Here for Easter Sunday Parking Information](#)

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

Altar Flowers

Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#).


Lenten Penance Services

Mar 11 7pm St. Eugene
Mar 12 11am St. Luke
Mar 13 7pm St. Catherine of Siena
Mar 14 7pm St. Francis of Assisi
Mar 19 7pm Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral
Mar 20 7pm St. Raphael

Mass Intentions Update

As our parish has grown, we have seen an increase in Mass intentions. This has created some challenges to accommodate these requests. At this time, we will be limiting Mass Intentions to 1 per month per person to allow for sufficient opportunities for all that request these. We hope to be able to expand our Mass Intentions in the future and appreciate your understanding at this time.

Lenten Parish Mission




St. Mary Magdalene
CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MONDAY, MARCH 11TH
6:30-8PM

SPEAKER, ADORATION, PRAISE & WORSHIP
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER



JOHN BEAULIEU

John Beaulieu has worked in the Christian Outreach Office of Franciscan University since 2003 and serves as the director of Evangelization and Engagement. A graduate of Franciscan University, John has served in ministry for over 30 years. He spent 2 years serving with NET and 19 years as a parish youth minister. A regular speaker at parish and diocesan events, John addresses topics such as life in the Spirit, media and teen culture, and Catholic evangelization. John and his wife, Lisa, live in Steubenville with their five children.

PAM - Parishioner Assistance Ministry

Parishioner Assistance Ministry Thanks You!

Thank you to all parishioners who listened to the message members of Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM) leadership shared at the March 2-3 Masses! We appreciated the questions and interest, and we welcome our new volunteers! PAM supports the unique needs of parishioners during life-changing events, such as medical challenges, job loss, or welcoming new babies. Volunteers have provided meals, transportation, home support and companionship, and even handyman services and yard work. Scan the QR code to fill out the volunteer interest form, or call Dan Moskey at 919-986-8613 or email stmpam@stmm.net to learn more, sign up, or request assistance.



Knights of Columbus Fish Fry



We apologize for the long delays for food delivery at our Fish Fry on February 23rd due to equipment failure. We are working through solutions and

backup plans to ensure we will return to the excellent service we have provided in the past. We hope you give us another chance!

The 2024 Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry is on March 8th & 22nd from 5:30 to 7:45 in the STMM cafeteria. This is a fun time to get together with fellow parishioners, friends, and family to celebrate our Catholic community during the Lenten season. Our menu includes Fried Cod, Bake Cod, Sauteed Shrimp and a Children's Mac and Cheese platter. Meals come with homemade coleslaw, cornbread, and a

CPO Feed a Family Food Drive

CPO "Feed a Family" Food Drive Collection is this weekend – Sat. & Sun. March 9th & 10th before and after all Masses...

yes **this** weekend. Please deliver your grocery bags with items, cash or check (payable to: CPO) to the newly minted, more visible CPO box truck at the front of the church. We may not be feeding people in the midst of a war-torn country through these donations, but we **are** feeding thousands of impoverished people right here in our own community who do not have enough to eat. Your generous donation stays here in the Raleigh region and serves people in 3 of our closest counties. Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity.

choice of side (red potatoes, french fries, or mac & cheese), a drink and dessert. **Online Pre-Ordering** is encouraged. Meals are available for dine-in and take out.

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, March 18, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room 3. For more information, please contact Joanne Martin, 919-244-5616, jmartin@kw.com

Steubenville Conference



ADULT
STEUBENVILLE
CONFERENCE -
EARLY BIRD
DISCOUNT

ENDS APRIL 4!

Come away with us! Come experience the Holy Spirit's power and healing at the **Power and Purpose Conference** on **June 14-16** at Franciscan University of Steubenville. Hear talks from Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, Pete Burak, Bishop Joseph Espallat, Jackie Angel and more. Be uplifted by the witness and fellowship of hundreds of Catholics just like you.

Everyone should go on a spiritual retreat at least once a year, *so why not this one?* This weekend-long, Catholic conference is for adults 18 and over. Prices go up April 5th. There is discount pricing for young adults! Reserve your spot on our [coach bus here](#) or you can arrange your own transportation. Register for the conference at steubenvilleconferences.com/adult/ppc, using the group ambassador code **24LWERNER**.

Questions? Contact Joe or Laura Werner at wernerjoe@aol.com or wernerLhome@gmail.com.

Tax Statements for 2023 Are Ready

Tax statements are available online. Please follow the directions for printing your statement on our website. For questions, email prewitt@stmm.net, or 919-657-4800 x7281.

https://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2023_3.pdf

Commemorative Bricks



COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS – Commemorative bricks line the walkway to our Activities Building.

Commemorate a First Communion, a Graduation or remember a loved one with an engraved brick. StMM will be placing a Spring brick order, the **deadline is March 25th**. Engraved bricks are \$100 and order forms can be found [here](#).

Contact: hoffman@stmm.net with any questions

Career Network Ministry



CNM Presents: Personal Branding with Norm Wood

Thu, Mar 14, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30 AM
St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Apex
To learn more and RSVP, [click here](#).

[Click here to RSVP](#)

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Needed

Our parish will be participating with other faith groups from SW Wake County at the Old Poole Road project on March 23 and April 20. NO construction experience is needed, with adults 18 and up welcomed. Please sign up at the volunteer hub: <http://vhub.at/SpringOPP>

Please be sure to fill in St Mary Magdalene as your affiliated group. If you have registered

Are you now donating online and do not want to receive church envelopes? If so, please email the parish office at info@stmm.net to stop the envelopes.

Easter Egg Hunt Mar 24th



We invite your family to join our St. Mary Magdalene Easter Egg Hunt on March 24, Palm Sunday - following the 11 am Mass on the athletic field! This will be a fun-filled, joyous event complete with a 'live' giant Easter Bunny, family photos, and prizes! Space

is limited, so register your children ages 1-9, NOW! There is more information within the link, or contact Celeste

Lafko at casma53@mac.com or 630-640-5441.

We are so egg-cited to see you at this egg-xtraordinary event! Hosted by the Mulholland Columbiettes 7186.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548A8AB2CA64-48039611-easter>

Prayers & Squares Ministry



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is blessed and prayed over by the parishioners.

If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmmorris0707@gmail.com

Bingo Night April 5th



Come get your game on with family and friends at BINGO NIGHT! Fun for all ages and many chances to win prizes!

Join us at StMM School Cafeteria, April 5 - Friday, 7

PM CASH or CHECKS only to purchase bingo cards, daubers, light refreshments. Children are welcome!

Space is limited, so reserve your spot NOW by signing up at this link. You don't want to miss this event, hosted by the Mulholland Columbiettes!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548A8AB2CA64-48364695-bingo>

before with H4H, the system will remember you. If this is a new sign up, the system will prompt you for information and waivers. This weekend, you will also hear from our co-coordinators before Masses more on this exciting project.

40 Days for Life



Respect Life Ministry invites

everyone to pray to end abortion in our community and to offer hope and life for our struggling pregnant moms and their families. As a parish STMM has pledged to pray Friday March 22 from 9am to 1pm in front of A Woman's Choice center. For details and to sign up go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A49AFA8283-48105861-40days#/>

If you have any questions contact Paula Hils at pshils@bellsouth.net

Frassati Young Adult Group



The Frassati Young Adult group is a community of 20 and 30 year olds. We meet for prayer, fellowship, and service activities.

Email frassati@stmm.net for more information and to be added to our email list. Our upcoming events are:

Sun, March 17 at 7pm: Volunteering with CPO to collect children's clothing;

email frassati@stmm.net for more details

Wed, March 20 at 7-9pm in Room 3: Mini-retreat lead by Deacon Rick titled "Finding Repentance and Conversion through the Scrutinies"

Monarch Masters April 29th

MONARCH MASTERS - APRIL 29TH 10 AM, MacGREGOR DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB

Join us for an exclusive StMM experience at the award-winning MacGregor Downs golf course! Gather your team of one, two, or four for 18 holes of golf, complete with breakfast, cart, and lunch. Whether you bring guests, colleagues, or family, don't wait to register before spots fill up. With a captain's choice format, everyone can enjoy, regardless of their golfing prowess! For more information, please visit STMMgolf.com, or register [HERE](#).

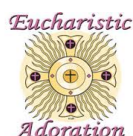
MONARCH MASTERS - SPONSORSHIP

For information, contact Kathy Lynch kathy@kathylynchhomes.com or 919-210-2709.

OPPORTUNITIES!!

We welcome family and business sponsors and will thank you with a customized sign with your logo or family name. Sponsor [HERE](#) and a member of the PSO will reach out for your logo, if applicable. We also welcome prizes for golfers if your family or business can donate a gift certificate, tickets to an event, wine, golf products, etc. Contact [Brian Meljac](#) with sponsorship questions and donations.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



The 3rd Tuesday of each month, please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer.

This sacred time is an opportunity for a deep, personal encounter with Christ: Pope Francis recommends Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by evening prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of The Hours which represents the official prayers of the Church. We give thanks for the day and praise God. Adoration continues followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, March 19th, from 7-8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **April 5th from 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord?



Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.

RCIA



Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the

Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting on April 15, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you".

Prayer Team



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry. * [Share Prayer Updates via email](#). *

Join the Prayer Team

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Perry who will receive the Rite of Full Communion (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00 AM mass.

Ben and Daniel who will receive the Rite of Election on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey who will receive the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM mass

Faith Formation



NEXT



Jesus



Tues.
March
12th


6:15 pm
Church

We Need You!

Catholic Parish Outreach
Toilet Paper Donations now
being accepted

Grades 4, 5 & 6 families
collected in March
Bring to Gather &
Rock on
March 12, 2024

One roll,
package or case



Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry

GIRLS RETREAT

speaking to SPARROWS

THE FOURTH MAN

GIRLS RETREAT

Speakers:
Joe Farris

Location:
New London, NC

Dates:
March 15-17

Speakers:
Liz Sams & Janine McGann

Location:
Sanford, NC

Dates:
March 15-17

GIRLS RETREAT

PARENT CONFIRMATION WORKSHOPS

Monday, March 18th
7:00PM
Chapel

Tuesday, March 26th
6:50PM
Chapel

Girls Retreat: Full

Guys Retreat:

https://secure.accesssacs.com/access/eventlogin.aspx?id=bfLcxHgPj8P3elesEN+XMA==&site=102397&ReturnUrl=events%2fwz_people.aspx&ChurchID=1554&EventID=228994&sn=102397

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Bordelon at bordelon@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News



School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school at lawson@stmm.net.

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year for grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for PreK-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

30th Annual Run for Life April 13th



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